[*English*]

Scholarships awarded to Indian students by Britain

4340. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholarships awarded to Indian Students by Britain during 1990-91, subject-wise; and

(b) whether it is proposed to increase the number of such scholarships and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Sixtyfive scholarships, as per statement given below have been awarded to Indian students by the U.K. under the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme and the Nehru Centenary British Fellowship/Award Scheme, which are administered by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, during 1990-91. The grant of these scholarships depends upon the receipt of an offer from the British side and then on the acceptance of selected scholars by the British authorities concerned.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Subject Field*	*No. of Scholarships Awarded during 1990-91*
1	2	3
1	Gynaecology	1
2	Cardiology	2
3	Cancer Research	2
4	Neurosurgery	1
5	Microbiology	2
6	Mathematics	1
7	Molecular Biology	4
8	Computer Science	2
9	Chemistry	3
10	Physics	4
11	Biological Sciences	7
12	Forest Economics	2
13	Horticulture	2
14	Agronomy	1
15	Mass Communication	3
16	Economics	4
17	Anthropology	1
18	Archaeology	1
19	Political Science	3
20	Sociology	1
21	History	4
22	Education/Pedagogy	1
23	English Language/ Literature	1
24	International Relations	2
25	Law	2
26	Electronics	2
27	Computer Studies	1
28	Communication Engineering	1
29	Process Controls	1
30	Environmental Science & Engineering	1
31	Robotics	1
32	Media/Communication/ Journalism	1
		1
	Total	65

Treatment to patients in AIIMs referred by medical colleges/hospital

4341. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure preferential and earlier examination and treatment of patients referred to AIIMS by the Medical Colleges/Hospitals from far off places in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the dates for X-Ray and other tests are not fixed at long intervals in AIIMS; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Due priority is given in all cases referred to AIIMS for examination and treatment by the Medical Colleges/Hospitals from far off places in the country.

(c) and (d) As the number of requisitions for investigations is very high, there is a waiting list at the hospital for routine investigations like X-Ray, however, the serious cases and patients admitted at the AIIMS hospital are given over-riding priority in getting the test done.

[*Translation*]

Scheme to prevent Ganga from Pollution

4342. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Ardha Kumbha' is going to be held in April, 1992 at Haridwar; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken to save Haridwar and the Ganges from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 13 schemes relating to interception, diversion and treatment of sewage water with a view to reduce pollution have been taken up at Haridwar under Ganga Action Plan. This would result in diversion/treatment of 32 million litres per day of wastewater. 11 schemes have been completed so far. Work on the other two schemes is under progress.

[*English*]

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Drug testing Laboratories

4343. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government for financial assistance under the centrally sponsored scheme for strengthening the enforcement wing in Drug Testing Laboratories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have asked for an assistance of Rs. 70 lakhs for Drug Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad (Rs. 45 lakhs for construction of a building with a carpet area of 20,000 sq.ft. and Rs. 25 lakhs for purchase of equipments) and Rs. 50 lakhs for the Regional laboratory in Vijayawada (Rs. 25 lakhs towards construction of a building with 10,000 sq. ft. carpet area and Rs. 25 lakhs towards purchase of equipment).

(c) There is a proposal for providing assistance to State Governments to strengthen their drug testing facilities. Proposals received from various States would be considered if the scheme is approved and provided for in the 8th Plan.